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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ACTING DIRECTOR FOR CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Signal Property Accountable Officer, Relief of

1. [] Signal Corps, U. S. Army, who has been the Signal Property Accountable Officer, is under orders to be transferred effective about 31 October 1948. His release will necessitate the designation of a new accountable officer for Property Control, CIA Account No. 1.

2. [] estimates his relief will require a minimum of four weeks for an inventory to be taken by the Property Control Division in the presence of the new Accountable Officer. Inasmuch as no inventory has been possible since the summer of 1946 due to confused and congested physical storage, personnel shortages and press of business, this estimate of four weeks for inventory purposes is considered to be far too short a time, and should be extended as much as possible.

3. Under the present signal supply method of operation, [] the Signal Property Officer, is personally financially accountable for all signal property in the CIA warehouses, although he has no physical control or direction over the storage or the personnel handling of the bulk of the material. Physical storage and control of the bulk of the material actually rests with [] who has no responsibility toward [] nor any personal or financial accountability for the signal property under his control.

4. It is requested, therefore, in view of the urgency of this situation that:

a. An accountable officer be appointed by the Director to assume accountability for all signal supplies in Account No. 1, Property Control, CIA vice [] Signal Corps, USA, who will be released to the Army effective about 31 October 1948.

b. A directive defining responsibilities of the accountable officer, including procedures for the requisitioning and control of all property be published.

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